GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department - Diversion of 0.46 ha (Length : 2292.58 metres and Width: 2.00 metres) of forest land for laying 132 KV underground XLPE cable along NHAI from Visakha Valley School Junction to near Endada Petrol Bunk Junction in compartment No.563 of Seethakonda RF of Visakhapatnam Section of Visakhapatnam Range and Division in favour of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division, A.P. TRNASCO, Visakhapatnam – Permission accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 48 **Dated: 15-07-2025**
Read the following:-

1)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15035/6/2024-FCASEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated 20.02.2025.
2)State Govt.Letter No.157/Section-II/2025/2735875, dated 05.03.2025
3)From the GoI, MoEF& CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, online Proposal No.FP/AP/PWR_TRANS/524501/2025, dated 24.03.2025.
4)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15035/6/2024-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated 13.06.2025.
5)State Govt.Letter No.157/Sec.II/2025/2735875, dated 25.06.2025.
6)From the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, online proposal No.FP/AP/PWR_TRANS/524501/2025, dated 26.06.2025.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a statutory proforma proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for the diversion of 0.46 ha (Length : 2292.58 metres and Width: 2.00 metres) of forest land for laying 132 KV underground XLPE cable along NHAI from Visakha Valley School Junction to near Endada Petrol Bunk Junction in compartment No.563 of Seethakonda RF of Visakhapatnam Section of Visakhapatnam Range and Division, in favour of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division, A.P. TRNASCO, Visakhapatnam.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, was sent to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, for in-principle approval under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, has accorded in-principle approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and has requested submission of a compliance report on the conditions stipulated therein, within the stipulated time, for final approval.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has furnished a compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval, for onward submission to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, for final approval of the above proposal. The same has been forwarded to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, for the grant of final approval under Section

2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, vide letter in the 5th read above.

5. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, has accorded final approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for the diversion of 0.46 ha (Length : 2292.58 metres and Width: 2.00 metres) of forest land for laying 132 KV underground XLPE cable along NHAI from Visakha Valley School Junction to near Endada Petrol Bunk Junction in compartment No.563 of Seethakonda RF of Visakhapatnam Section of Visakhapatnam Range and Division in favour of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division, A.P. TRNASCO, Visakhapatnam, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

6. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for the diversion of 0.46 ha (Length : 2292.58 metres and Width: 2.00 metres) of forest land for laying 132 KV underground XLPE cable along NHAI from Visakha Valley School Junction to near Endada Petrol Bunk Junction in compartment No.563 of Seethakonda RF of Visakhapatnam Section of Visakhapatnam Range and Division in favour of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division, A.P. TRNASCO, Visakhapatnam, subject to the following conditions:-

1. **General Conditions:**

S.No.	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
1.2	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
1.3	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less;
1.4	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
1.5	The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
1.6	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
1.7	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
1.8	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
1.9	Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
1.10	No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
1.11	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.46 ha;
1.12	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area;
1.13	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Regional Office by the end of March every year;
1.14	The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
1.15	The conditions required to be adhered under the Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the rules/guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be strictly complied with;

1.16	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife;
1.17	Violation of any of these conditions will amounts to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

2. **Standard conditions:**

S.No.	Conditions
2.1	Width of right of way for the transmission line shall be limited to 2.00 m;
2.2	The user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places maintain necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals;

3. **Specific Conditions:**

S.No.	Conditions
3.1	Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 3.00 ha of degraded forest land identified in Compartment No.534, Paradesipalem Beat, Visakhapatnam Section, Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary of Visakhapatnam Range of Visakhapatnam Division as per the scheme approved by the State Forest Department at the project cost;
3.2	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal;
3.3	The approved CA Scheme and CA area shall not be changed without prior approval of Government of India;
3.4	The UA shall comply with the vertical & horizontal clearance specified in Regulation 61 of Safety and Electric Supply, Regulations, 2010.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.

Copy to:

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2. The Inspector General of Forests,
ROHQ, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110 003.
3. The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of
Regional Office, Chennai, Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada – 520 010.
4. The Executive Engineer, Construction Division, A.P.TRANSCO, Visakhapatnam.
5. SC/SF

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER